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ADMINISTRATION AND MILES.

A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION is being paid by eastern newspapers to the curt dismissal of General Miles by the war department. It is pointed out that it has been the invariable custom, when the commander of the army has been retired, for the order of retirement to contain at least a few commendatory words. Comparisons are made between the Miles retiring order and the order retiring General John M. Schofield, General Miles' immediate predecessor.

Of General Schofield the order said, in part: "Lieutenant General Schofield's career furnishes to the army an example of inestimable value, and should teach all our people that the highest soldierly qualities are built upon the keenest sense of obligations belonging to good citizenship."

Absolutely all the Miles order said was:

"By direction of the secretary of war, the retirement from active service by the president, Aug. 8, 1903, of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles by operation of law, under the provisions of the act of congress, approved June 30, 1882, is announced."

Not a word was said about General Miles' long service, his devotion to duty, his heroism in the civil war and in numerous Indian campaigns. But, after all, why should anything have been said by the war department in praise of General Miles? The record of that gallant fighter is well known to his countrymen. Nothing the president or the secretary of war might have said would have added to his reputation, just as none of the little meannesses they were guilty of in connection with General Miles lowered him in the esteem of the public.

We all know quite well, too, that if a commendatory order had been issued, it would have had a false, a hypocritical note. We all know President Roosevelt and Secretary Root do not think highly of General Miles, and it was really unfair to expect them to say a kind word for him. In refraining from doing so they have simply made it impossible for a charge of hypocrisy to be laid against them.

So, viewed by and large, there is no occasion for all the rumpus some of General Miles' friends have been kicking up about the matter.

SHOULD KNOW ENGLISH.

JUDGE GREGORY of New York is an official that other judges who have power to make citizens out of aliens may pattern after with profit to the country. In the opinion of Judge Gregory, no man who is unable to speak the English language has any business becoming a citizen of the United States. He announced this rule in a naturalization case the other day, and he proposes to follow it literally. In an opinion he said:

"It will not naturalize any person who comes before me and is unable to speak the English language sufficiently to make himself understood. I will not compel them to answer questions regarding their age, place of nativity, time when they arrived in the United States and any other questions which I deem essential to good citizenship. And if they fail to make satisfactory answers I will refuse to grant them the necessary papers. When a man has been in this country five years and is unable to talk our language, in my opinion he is not fit to be admitted to citizenship, and I will act accordingly."

A very large majority of the citizens of the United States will heartily agree with Judge Gregory. It is true that a knowledge of the English language is not a legal prerequisite to citizenship, but it should be, and judges unquestionably have the power to refuse citizenship now to those who cannot speak English. Indeed, it is not certain that the framers of the naturalization laws did not take it for granted that candidates would be able to speak the English language.

For instance, pending citizens are required to subscribe to the principles set forth in the constitution of the United States. It is difficult to see how they could acquire a knowledge of the constitution without knowing at least a little English. True, they might hear it read in their own language and so acquire some understanding of the constitution, but such a process would be, to say the least, unsatisfactory. And a scant knowledge of the constitution is not all that is necessary to good citizenship.

Immigrants should have some idea of American government before they are permitted to vote. The average American boy of 16 knows a good deal more about American affairs than the average foreigner who has lived here long enough to take out naturalization papers. Yet the notion of permitting a boy of 16 years of age to vote would be derived from one end of the country to the other.

By all means let us naturalize the foreigners who have come to make their homes in the United States, but let us at least wait until they are fit

to become citizens before we give them all the privileges that free-born Americans are of right entitled to.

A LURID PROPOSITION.

IT IS DIFFICULT to contemplate with anything but amusement the plans which a Chicago man is alleged to have under way for drawing electrical power from the heavens. A dispatch from the Illinois metropolis gravely announces that Professor A. G. Whitney is planning to transport a cannon to Pike's peak and from there to fire vertically into the air a thirteen-inch steel magnet, which shall pass beyond the atmosphere of the earth and there remain forever.

We are told that a wire will be attached to the magnet, one end of this wire falling to the earth. According to the dispatch, limitless quantities of pure electricity will be drawn through this wire for transmission by cable and otherwise to power stations all over the country and used in turning the wheels of factories, mills, heating and lighting plants. Professor Whitney is said to be sanguine that his scheme will work out successfully.

Asked for details of his wonderful plan, Professor Whitney is quoted as saying: "The projectile used will be pear-shaped and will weigh about 750 pounds, requiring 600 pounds of smokeless powder. Attached to the magnet will be a wire coil ninety feet long, held in place at the end by a disk. Inside the projectile will be a carbon burner, so arranged that at the proper height it will remove the disk from the bottom of the coil and permit the twenty-three miles of wire enclosed to drop to the earth."

"The projectile which I shall send into ethereal space will, after passing beyond our atmosphere, assume a condition of absolute inertia, inherent in itself. It will no longer be a part of this earth, but will be an independent body, floating as the earth floats, in a sea of electricity, just as two bodies of different size, having the same specific gravity as water, can float in the water beneath its surface without colliding with each other. What we call ether, which is supposed to fill all interplanetary space, is electricity."

There is a lot more stuff of the same kind, but the rest is unimportant. Of course, there was no foundation for the dispatch. The story is the creation of some clever liar. Whoever the faker is, though, he seems to have overlooked one important detail. The "professor" claims that he will overcome the law of gravitation with his projectile, to which is attached a coil of wire which is to be loosed and fall to the earth the moment the projectile reaches the desired point.

Now, how is he going to make that wire obey the law of gravitation while his projectile defies it? A little light on this point would be received with enthusiasm.

FREE WASHINGTON TRIPS.

A GRATEFUL PEOPLE may yet arise and erect a statue or some other fitting object in honor of Marcus A. Simmons of Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory. In the goodness of his heart Mr. Simmons, who is described as a retired capitalist and inventor, though the two don't often go together, wants every man, woman and child in the United States to pay at least one visit to the national capital.

Now, though a capitalist himself, Mr. Simmons knows very well that all of us are not capitalists. He knows, too, that a great many of us live so far away from Washington that the expenses of the journey would be very great—greater, indeed, than the majority could afford. Accordingly he has evolved a method of avoiding this difficulty. To that end he has prepared a bill for which he is asking congressional approval.

The proposed law provides that congress shall appropriate to every citizen of the republic, at some time during the life of said citizen, a sum sufficient to enable him to make the journey to Washington with comfort, even elegance. The measure further provides for a stay of several days in Washington at the expense of the government. A bureau of transportation is proposed, as well as such other arrangements as would make everybody happy.

Truly Mr. Simmons would be a great public benefactor—at the expense of the government. Those of us who don't want to go to Washington—and there may be a few—might take the money and go somewhere else with it. At any rate, everybody would be sure of at least one splendid trip during his life, or her life, as the case may be. We shall decline to take Mr. Simmons seriously, however, until we hear that he has sold all that he bath and invested the proceeds in tickets from here, there and everywhere to Washington for free distribution.

The executive committee of the National Irrigation congress has asked The Herald to suggest that Utah people who are expecting friends to visit them about the time the congress is in session in Ogden next month, to tell their friends to secure credentials as delegates to the congress. The idea is a good one. Such credentials would enable the visitors to participate in the very interesting sessions of the congress and would entitle them to all the courtesies the good people of Ogden are preparing to extend. The subject of irrigation is not necessarily one in which only the west is interested. People from all sections of the country will profit by the papers to be read and discussed during the coming meetings.

The congress, as is generally known, opens in Ogden on Sept. 15. The sessions will be continued through Sept. 18.

If the supreme court keeps on affirming the sentences of Utah murderers, it is barely possible that within the lifetime of some child of today there may be an execution.

Silver quotations reached 55 1/2 cents an ounce yesterday. If that figure is maintained or bettered Utah won't care how much stocks go to smash in Wall street.

Of course this won't interest you, but The Herald will bulletin returns from the Corbett-Jeffries fight in San Francisco tonight just as soon as the returns begin coming.

James J. Hill's personal assessment has been raised \$52,000. Mr. Hill is to be congratulated on the fact that he is in a position to stand a \$52,000 raise.

SPARKS

One Advantage.
On this earth there is much to perplex and annoy. Yet pleasures have we that folks discern where we don't get them. For instance, those who live on the moon can't enjoy the soft summer moonlight when strolling they go.

From the fact that farmers in Sanpete county have killed fifty-four tons of grasshoppers this summer it is evident they have the hoppers on the jump.

The president should give a little attention to Ogden. Only four more school children this year than last up there!

With \$13,000 risked on a throw of the dice in a crap game, it is proper to state that another rich shoot has been reported from Tompau.

There has been as much chatter about it as there would be if Senator Hiram had been getting a divorce instead of being married.

A threatened cut in freight rates does not cause a shipper to lose sleep.

Why not have a national enactment providing for the execution of the loser of every prize fight? This would insure great fights and a great footrace at the conclusion of each contest.

A week-old trust company in St. Louis proposes to increase its capital stock from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000. A rise in the river at St. Louis is looked for.

The cold and formal order announcing General Miles' retirement from the command of the army serves to show that to win the approbation of superiors in these days an officer should be not so much soldier and patriot as politician and sycophant.

"The Australian authorities have declared against the Marconi wireless telegraph system, fearing that the wires are likely to be tapped, or as they put it, 'messages liable to be intercepted.'"

The government weather bureau pronounces Point Reyes, Cal., the windiest place in the United States. It is a reasonable safe bet that the calculations were made during the summer when congress was not in session.

In a Missouri town the other night twelve people turned out to hear a socialist orator, but they did not say why.

Automobiles used by the German army haul five to eight tons, or as many as six generals, in hilly country.

A rich Russian of Moscow lost all his money at cards and then staked his wife, who had long been admired by his successful opponent. The husband lost and, like the true sport he was, went into another room and shot himself so the winner could collect.

Those two outlaws killed in Oklahoma appear to have been very valuable citizens, having a price of \$12,000 on their heads.

From the complaint of the health board that doctors do not report cases of typhoid, one might infer that the board believes that those who can recognize typhoid when they see it.

Brought Him Luck in Abundance.
J. E. Gailiger, manager of the Utah Mining Machinery & Supply company, has been sending to customers of the firm a good luck calendar. The calendar is made of wood in imitation of a barn door, with rusty hinges and lock. Fastened to the door are four honored good luck emblems—a horseshoe, a rabbit's foot, a wishbone and a sprig of four-leaved clover. The calendars are clever little devices and are much appreciated by those who have received them. Among those who received one is R. E. Wilkinson of Bingham canyon, and it brought him truly wonderful luck, as shown by the following letter to Mr. Gailiger:

"Dear Sir: Permit me to express my thanks to you for the Good Luck calendar which you sent me. Since its receipt my good luck has been ever present. I am now blessed with twins, went through a runaway without a scratch, escaped a railway accident and secured a seat in a street car in Salt Lake, all in the short space of five days. With best wishes, and trusting that you have retained a calendar for yourself, I am, yours very truly,
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SOCIETY

Miss Cora LeFevre of Butte is visiting Mrs. C. L. Root.

Mrs. and Miss Sinclair will entertain at cards next Wednesday forenoon.

Dewitt B. Jennings will go east on Saturday.

Mr. Kingston and son Pierre of St. Louis, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brownlee, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johnson have started east on an extended trip, during which they will visit the Lake Superior region, Pennsylvania and New York.

Dr. John F. Critchlow, Alma Katz and Harry Sherman are in Idaho on a fishing trip.

Miss Miriam Melke is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Wedgwood.

Yesterday was visitors' day at the Country club. The Bachelor Maids were hostesses. Dancing was indulged in during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reeves and son and Mrs. E. R. Dickenson will leave on Friday morning for Oregon on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scarff are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White. Mr. Scarff will go east tomorrow, but Mrs. Scarff will be here for some time yet.

Mrs. T. G. Odell will entertain Saturday afternoon in honor of her son's first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Palmer left on Wednesday for a trip through the northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wallace will leave today for California.

Miss Elizabeth Palmer and Miss Mary Parker have gone to Upper Falls for two weeks.

Mark McChrystal left Wednesday for California, where he will enter Stanford university.

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